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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application;

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method for efficient communication and relationship management, the method establishing a relationship between a patient, friends and/or family and one or more organizations engaged in fundraising and soliciting charitable donations, the method utilizing a computer system linked to a network, the computer system having one or more processors and one or more storage devices coupled to the processors, comprising:

providing a web-based, online healthcare communication system having one or more web pages linked to a computer network for efficient communication among a patient, friends and/or family by exchanging messages and communicating with one another through the web pages;

asking one or more questions, on the web pages, regarding preferences and dislikes of participants;

identifying one or more organizations engaged in fundraising based on ~~the answers~~ answers to the one or more questions; and

soliciting a charitable donation from the participants for one or more of the identified organizations engaged in fundraising;

wherein one or more of the friends and/or family of the patient maintains communication with the patient through the web pages and also supports one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising.

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2. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising is a hospital.
3. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising is a nonprofit organization.
4. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising is a charitable organization.
5. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing one or more message boards having information about the patient and messages from friends, family and/or the patient.
6. (original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing one or more online visitation calendars illustrating scheduled visits to the patient.
7. (original): The method according to claim 1, further providing one or more types of message boards.
8. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the one or more types of message boards are accessed using a username and a password.
9. (original): The method to claim 1, further providing a patient message board that is accessed by the patient.

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10. (original): The method according to claim 1, further providing a family message board that is accessed by family members.
11. (original): The method according to claim 1, further providing a relatives' message board that is accessed by relatives.
12. (original): The method according to claim 1, further providing a friends' message board that is accessed by friends.
13. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the one or more types of message boards include messages from others.
14. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the one or more types of message boards allow a user to reply to messages.
15. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the one or more types of message boards allow a user to post messages.
16. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 6, further comprising editing the one or more online visitation calendars to update scheduled visits.
17. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving a pledge for a charitable donation.
18. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving payment for a charitable donation.

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19. (Currently Amended): A system for efficient communication and relationship management, the system establishing a relationship between a patient, friends and/or family and one or more organizations engaged in fundraising and soliciting charitable donations, the system utilizing a computer system linked to a network, the computer system having one or more processors and one or more storage devices coupled to the processors, comprising:

a web-based, online communication service related to patient care having one or more web pages linked to a computer network for efficient communication among a patient, friends and/or family by exchanging messages and communicating with one another through the web pages;

means for asking one or more questions on the web pages regarding preferences and dislikes of participants, and for identifying one or more organizations engaged in fundraising based on the ~~answers~~ answers to the one or more questions; and

means for soliciting a charitable donation from the participants for one or more of the identified organizations engaged in fundraising.

20. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, wherein one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising is a hospital.

21. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, wherein one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising is a charitable organization.

22. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, wherein one or more of the organizations engaged in fundraising is a nonprofit organization.

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23. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, further comprising one or more message boards having information about the patient and messages from friends, family and/or the patient.
24. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, further comprising one or more visitation calendars illustrating scheduled visits to the patient.
25. (original): The system according to claim 19, further comprising one or more types of message boards.
26. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 25, wherein the one or more types of message boards are accessed using a username and a password.
27. (original): The system according to claim 19, further comprising a patient message board that is accessed by the patient.
28. (original): The system according to claim 19, further comprising a family message board that is accessed by family members.
29. (original): The system according to claim 19, further comprising a relatives' message board that is accessed by relatives.
30. (original): The system according to claim 19, further comprising a friends' message board that is accessed by friends.

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31. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 25, wherein the one or more types of message boards include messages from others.

32. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 25, wherein the one or more types of message boards allow a user to reply to messages.

33. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 25, wherein the one or more types of message boards allow a user to post messages.

34. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 24, wherein the one or more visitation calendars are modified to update scheduled visits.

35. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, further comprising means for receiving a pledge for a charitable donation.

36. (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 19, further comprising means for receiving payment for a charitable donation.

37. (Currently Amended): A method of soliciting a charitable donation for an organization engaged in fundraising from at least one of a patient, a friend of the patient and a member of the patient's family, said method comprising the steps of:
providing access to a private group website allowing at least one of the patient, the patient's friends or the patient's family to communicate with one another;
asking one or more questions, via the private group website, regarding the preferences and dislikes of an individual accessing the private group website;

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identifying one or more organizations engaged in fundraising based on answers from the individual individual's answers to the one or more questions; and
soliciting a charitable donation from the individual for the one or more identified organizations.

38. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 37, wherein the one or more questions are related to the patient's illness and/or treatment.

39. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 37, wherein the private group website includes a plurality of secure message boards designated for different classes of users.

40. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 39, wherein the different classes of users are selected from the group consisting of the patient, family members of the patient, and friends of the patient.

41. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 37, wherein the identified organization comprises a hospital, a nonprofit organization or a charitable organization.

42. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 37, wherein the private group website includes one or more visitation calendars illustrating scheduled visits to the patient.

43. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 42, further comprising editing the one or more visitation calendars to update scheduled visits.

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44. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 37, further comprising receiving a pledge for a charitable donation.

45. (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 37, further comprising receiving payment for a charitable donation.

46. (Canceled).